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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63518

Shinoobu TANAKA

Appln. No.: 09/883,279

Group Art Unit: 2167

Confirmation No.: 1528

Examiner: Frank E. Werner

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For: SINGLE LEVER WITH BUTTON FOR SELECTIVELY CONTROLLING EITHER TILT OR LIFT OF A FORKLIFT MECHANISM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A load handling apparatus for a forklift, comprising:

one tiltable operating lever disposed on a body of the forklift;

a mast tiltable in an anteroposterior direction and disposed on the body of said forklift;

a liftable fork disposed on said mast;

a solenoid proportional control valve, in which a tilting speed of said mast and lifting and lowering speeds of said fork are controlled by a degree of opening of said solenoid proportional control valve, said degree of opening being proportional to a tilting angle of said operating lever;

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